

Stakeholder Meeting Summary

Wednesday, January 21, 2009
City of Morrison City Council
Morrison, Illinois

Project: FAP 309 (US 30)
Section (20-1, 17R, 16, 15, 110) PE 1
Whiteside County
Job No. P-92-107-07

Attendees:

Melanie Schroeder (City of Morrison-City Clerk)
Roger Drey (City of Morrison-Mayor)
Tim Long (City of Morrison)
Scott Connelly (City of Morrison-Alderman)
Gary Hayenga (City of Morrison-Alderman)
Patricia Zuidema (City of Morrison-Alderman)
Barb Bees (City of Morrison)
Bob Snodgrass (City of Morrison)
Ann Slavin (City of Morrison)
Jim Blakemore (City of Morrison)
Robert Wood (City of Morrison-CEDC)
Tony Graff (City of Morrison-Police Department)
Arlyn Zuidema (Visitor)

Project Study Group:

Dawn Perkins (IDOT)
Rebecca Marruffo (IDOT)
Jon Estrem (HR Green)
Victor Modeer (Volkert)

Handouts (see attachment):

Power Point- US 30 Fulton to Rock Falls, Illinois Project Update

Meeting Purpose

Members of the US 30 Project study team met with the Morrison City Council to present a project update.

The presentation included a summary of the project update:

- Project Initiation & Public Informational Open House June 2007
- Project Study Group (PSG) made up of State and Federal Agencies was formed
- Community Advisory Group (CAG) was formed to represent the community interests
- Environmental Studies begun
- Survey Work initiated
- Roadway Corridors Developed by CAG

- Project Purpose and Need (P&N) approved
- Corridors analyzed using P&N, Engineering & Environmental Issues
- Corridors identified to focus Study of Alignments

Listed below is an outline of the presentation:

- Development of the Corridors by the Community Advisory Group
- Screening Process
- Summary of CAG Input & Recommendations
- Project Timeline
- Next Steps

Study Team Presentation

Rebecca Marruffo opened the meeting by introducing the US 30 study team and thanking the officials for agreeing to meet with the team. She stated the purpose of the meeting was to update the City of Morrison on the project status before the upcoming public information open house.

Victor Modeer presented an overview of the project update and a summary of the CAG meetings. Jon Estrem reviewed the screening process and methods used to obtain the current corridors that will be studied further.

The study team closed the meeting by thanking the officials again for their time and ongoing commitment to support the project.

Comments/ Issues/ Questions

Comments:

The council asked that IDOT consider upgrading IL 78 as a part of this project.

The study team explained that the focus of the project is US 30. While the desire for a connection from a southerly bypass to IL 78 (N) is understandable, it would represent a significant addition to the scope of this project. As such, it may be necessary for it to be addressed by a separate documented study. Rebecca Marruffo stated input relative to IL 78 is important and should be sent to IDOT.

There has been cooperation between Illinois and Iowa on the US 30 project.

Questions:

Q: Why is the terminus at IL 40?

A: Rebecca Marruffo responded that a necessary element in projects such as this is the establishment of “logical termini”. Typically, when studying a state route the logical termini must be state or US routes. In this case it was deemed necessary to carry the study all the way to IL 40 to meet this requirement even though the need for improvements may not extend into the five-lane section which begins at Prophetstown Road.

Q: What determined the yellow and green areas on the corridors map?

A: Green areas scored best in the decision matrix and will therefore be focused upon during upcoming analysis. Yellow areas are the remaining corridors. While the primary focus will be in the green areas, the yellow areas will be retained in case they are needed. This will allow the study team to keep options open for further study.

Q: What will be built first?

A: Timing for construction will be dependent on availability of funding. It is likely that the project will be constructed in phases since the overall project may be deemed too costly to build as a single construction project. As a part of the study, segments of independent utility will be identified so that the most important segments can be constructed first. These segments have not been identified at this time. It will not be possible to do so until the preferred alignment is identified.

Q: What is the best form of communication from the city to the study team regarding likes/dislikes?

A: Submitting concerns and requests in writing is typically the best. A resolution letter is probably the best form of written communication.



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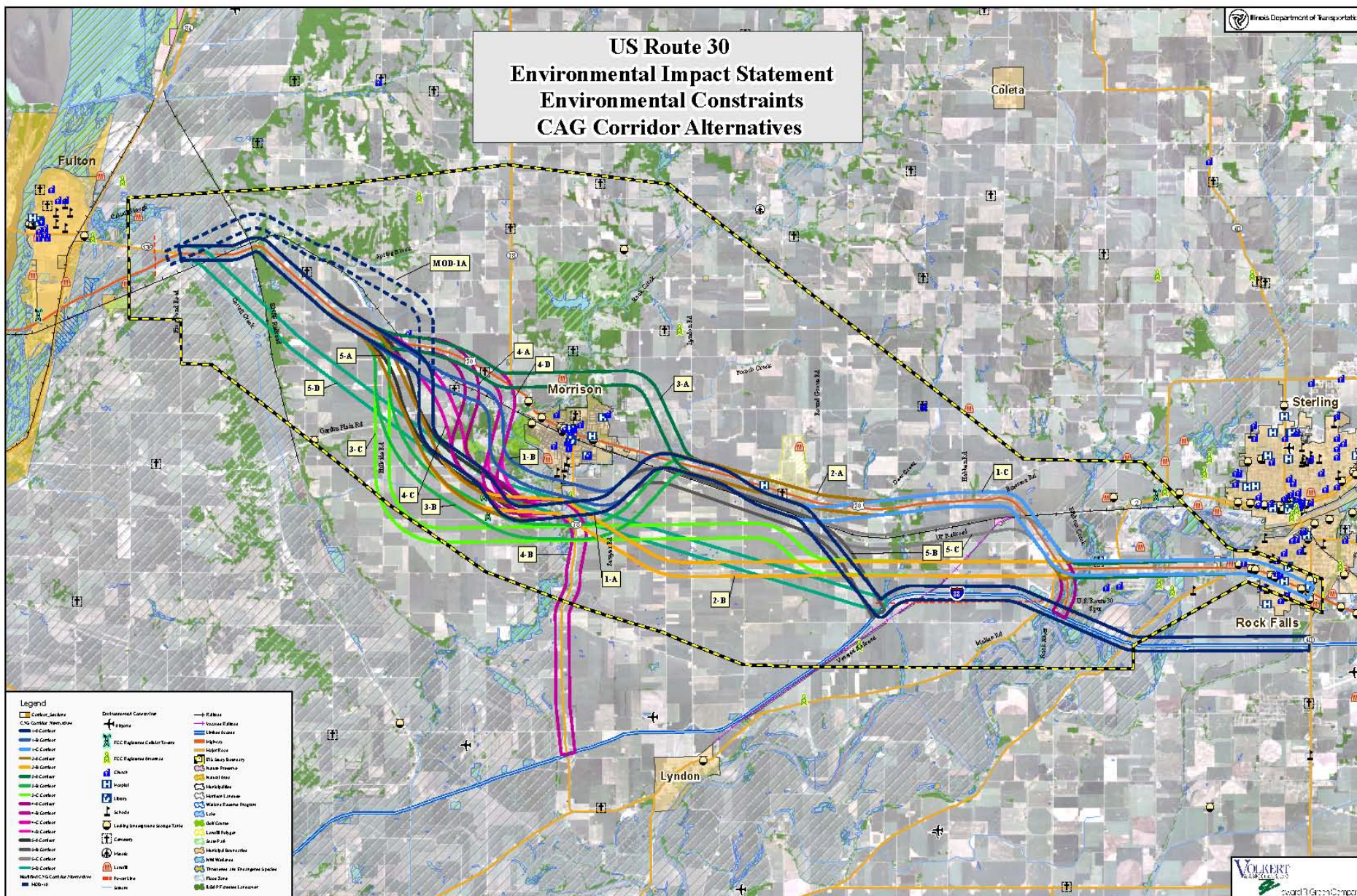
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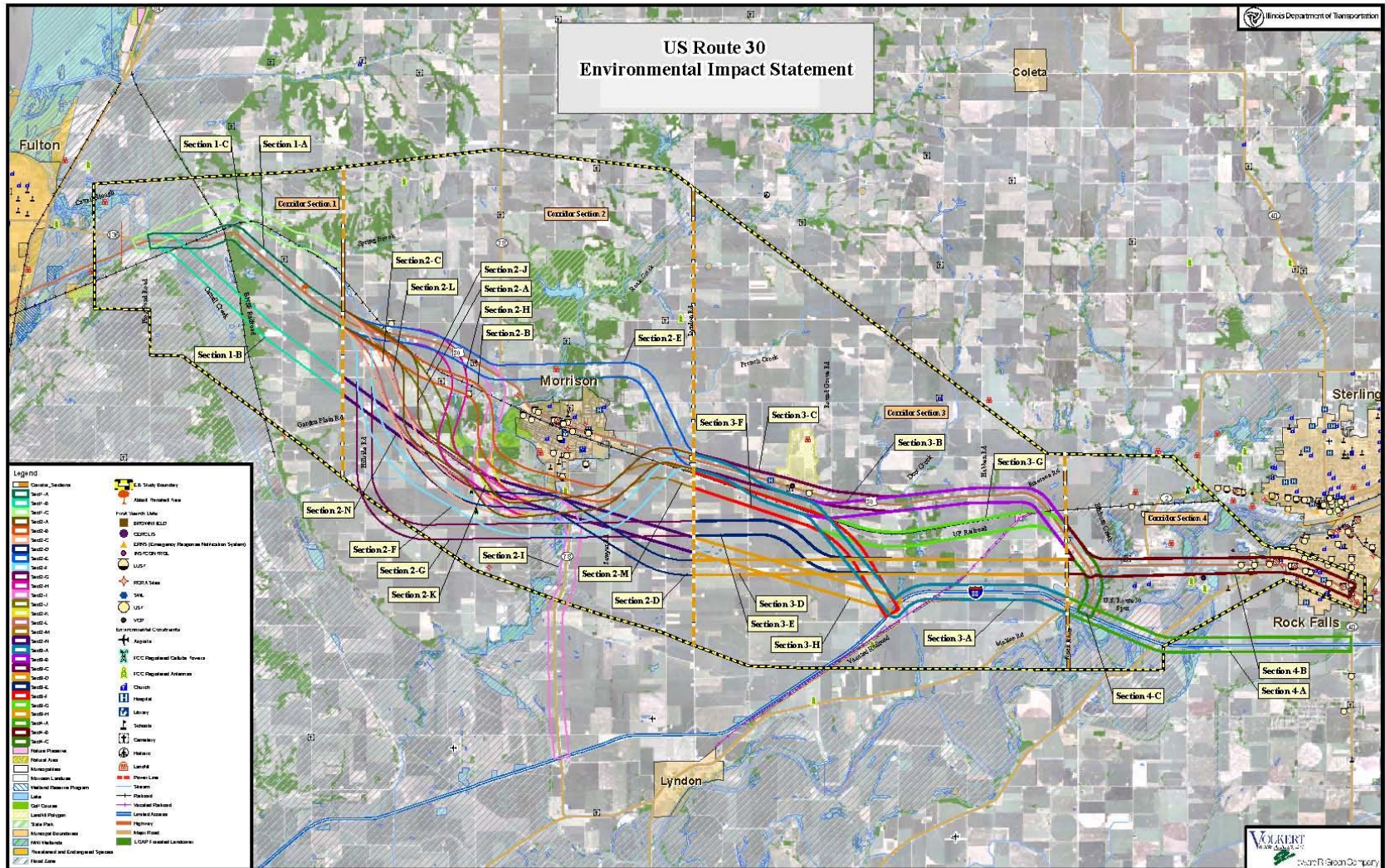


US Route 30 Environmental Impact Statement Environmental Constraints CAG Corridor Alternatives



Screening Process (Result of Steps 1, 2, & 3)

Break Project into sections, Combine, Establish Corridors in each section



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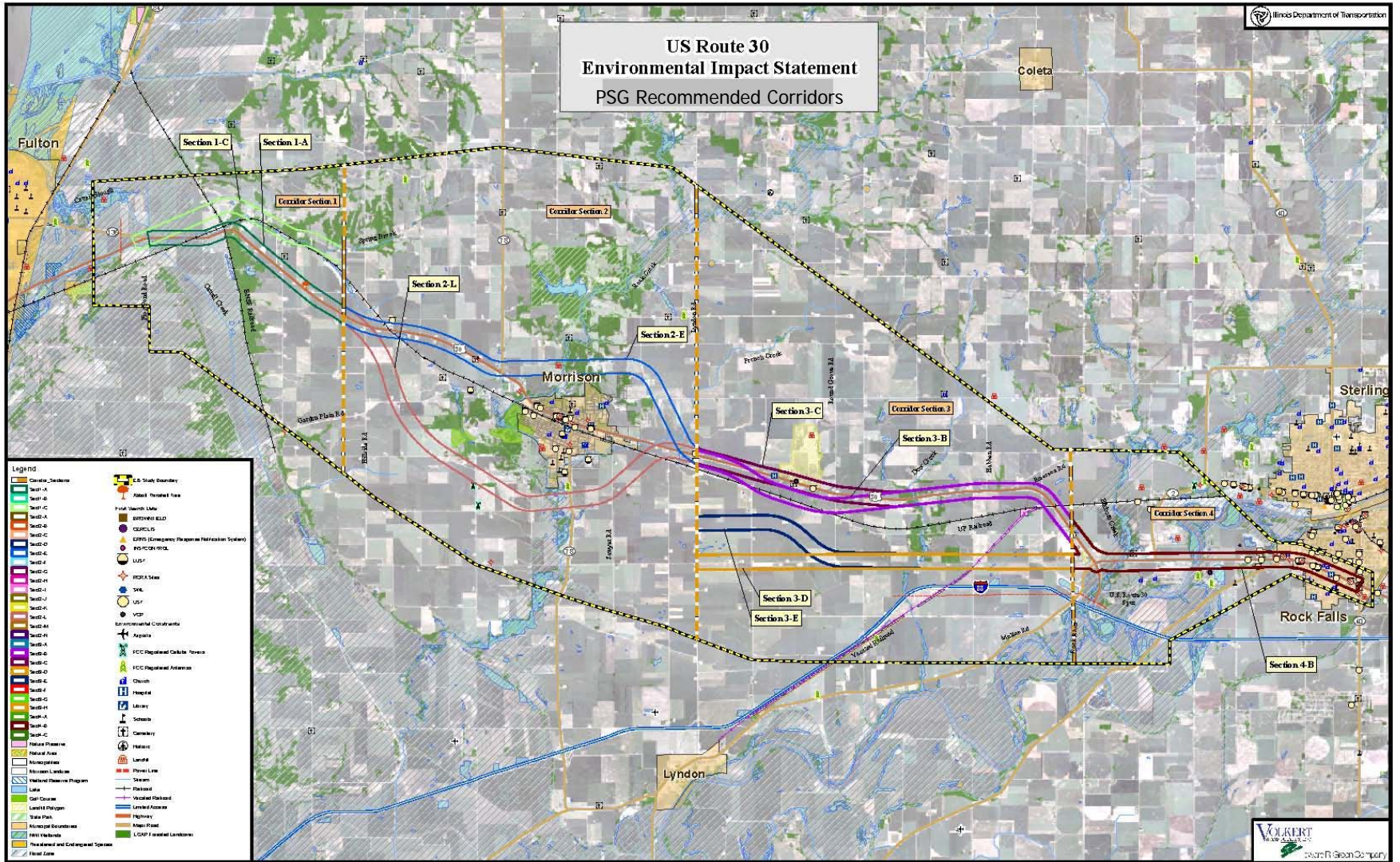
(Step 4 – Screen against the Purpose & Need Statement)

- ▶ Reduce Traffic Congestion
- ▶ Improve Traffic Capacity
- ▶ Improve Safety
- ▶ Accommodate Freight
- ▶ Establish Roadway Continuity



(Result of Steps 5, 6, 7 & 8)

Screen Corridors against Engineering & Environmental factors



Summary of CAG Input & Recommendations



Section 1 – CAG Consensus : Recommend **1A**

Section 2 – CAG Consensus : Recommend **2L**

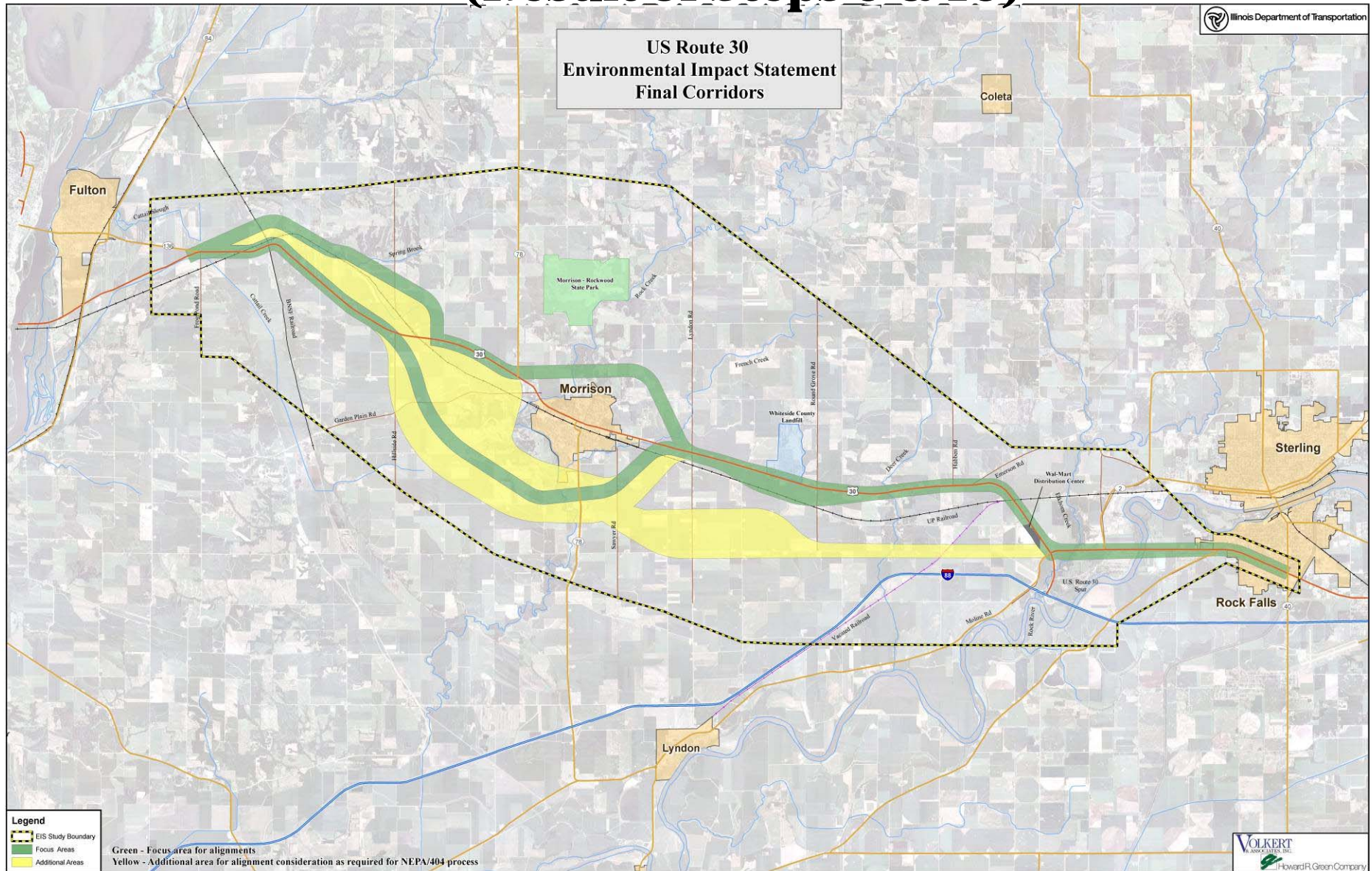
Section 3 – No Consensus - **3B & 3C** generally accepted

Section 4 – No Consensus - **4B**

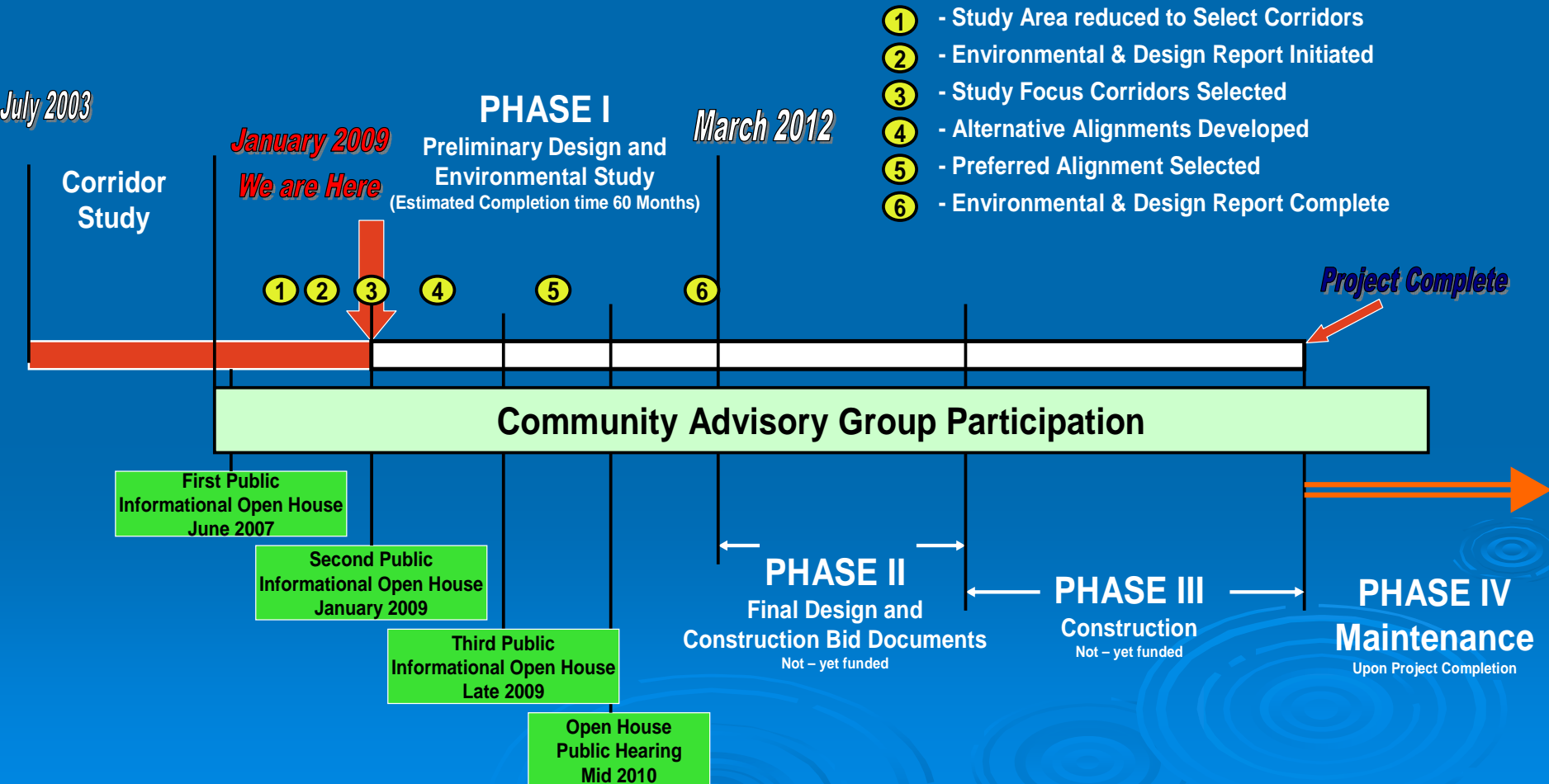


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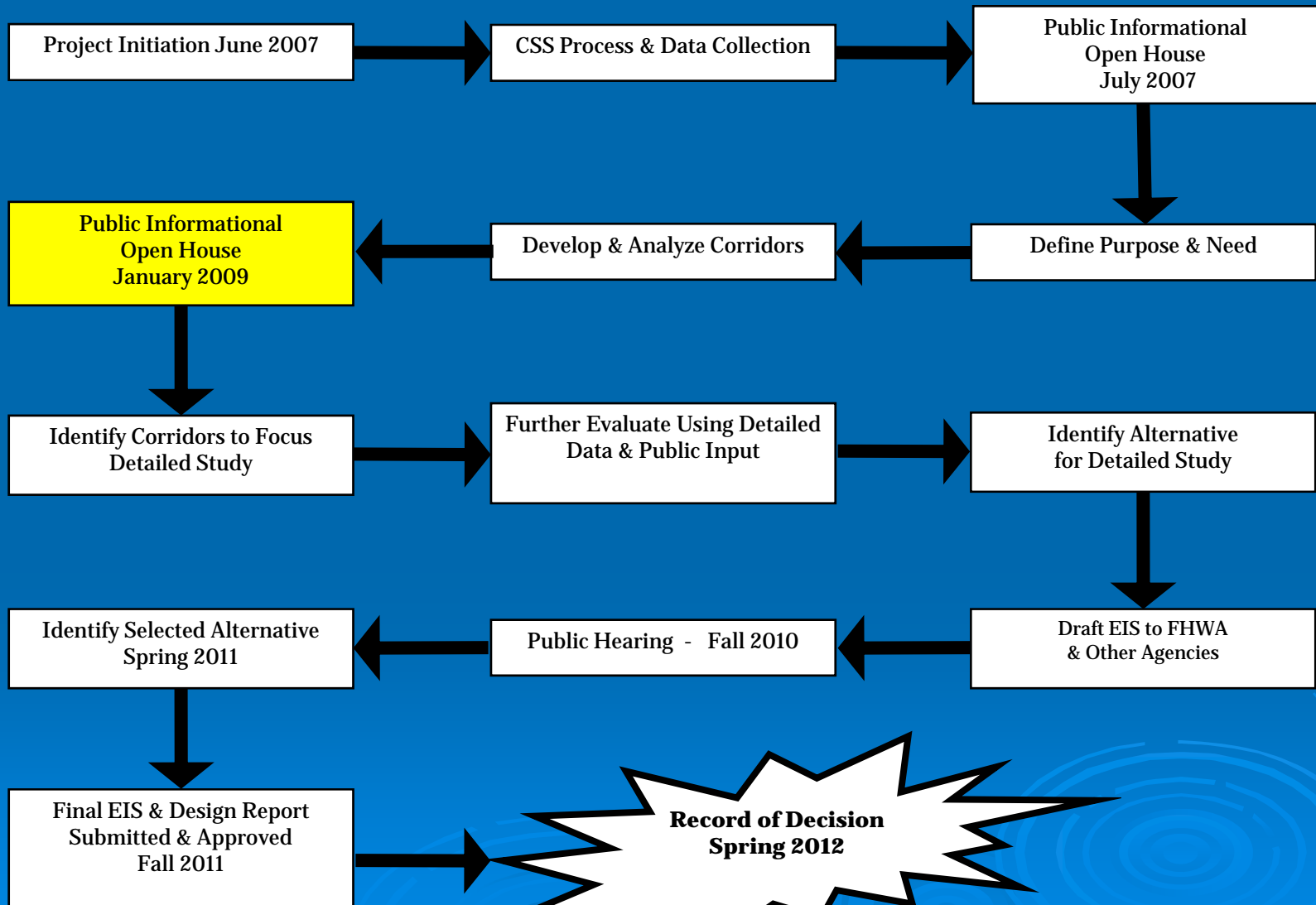
(Result of Steps 9 & 10)



Project Timeline



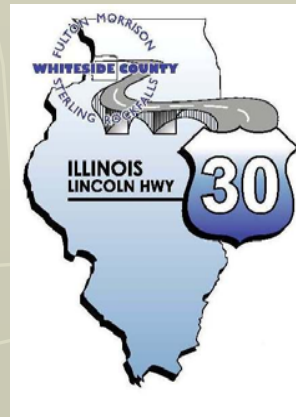
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